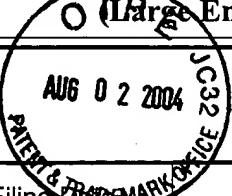


**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)**

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Docket No.

4296-144 US

In Re Application Of:  
HIRAO et al.

Application No. 09/919,024	Filing Date 07/31/2001	Examiner OH, Taylor Victor	Customer No. 26817	Group Art Unit 1625	Confirmation No. 3715
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Invention:

**METHOD FOR STARTING UP REACTOR****COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:**

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of March 2, 2004 above-identified application.  
*Date*

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

One month       Two months       Three months       Four months       Five months

from: June 2, 2004      until: August 2, 2004  
*Date*      *Date*

The fee for the extension of time is \$420 and is to be paid as follows:

- A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.
- The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 13-2165.
- If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 13-2165.

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I certify that this document and fee is being deposited on 07/28/2004 with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail under 37 C.F.R. 1.8 and is addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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